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B. POCKER SAHIB Bahadur:—"May I know, Sir, whether the Hindu Religious Endowments Board thinks that the retention of this officer is necessary there for ever?"

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—"That question was never put to them; they wanted a further extension and it was given."

B. POCKER SAHIB Bahadur:—"For how long has this further extension been granted; when will it expire?"

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—"I must ask for notice."

B. POCKER SAHIB Bahadur:—"Is it not a fact, Sir, that there are two highly paid officers, the Manager and this officer; and are both these officers necessary for the administration of the Board?"

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—"I am not aware who the other officer is; but the Government see no reason to disregard the opinion of the Board in this matter."

[*Note*.—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—STATEMENT OF QUESTIONS RECEIVED AND ANSWERED DURING THE SESSION.

* The Hon. the PRESIDENT:—"This being the last day of the session, I have to inform the House that the number of questions of which notice was received during this session was 1,111. Of this, the number admitted was 880; that withdrawn before admission was 14; that disallowed was 169; and that referred back to the Members of the Legislative Council for further information but not received back from them was 48. Of the 880 questions admitted, four have been withdrawn by the Members putting them, one lapsed by the resignation of the Member of the Legislative Council and 874 have been answered by the Government. Only one question has lapsed unanswered."

III.—A BILL FURTHER TO AMEND THE MADRAS ESTATES LAND ACT, 1908, FOR CERTAIN PURPOSES (BILL No. 12 OF 1931)—CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS RECOMMENDED BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

* The Hon. the PRESIDENT:—"The next item on the Agenda is the Bill further to amend the Madras Estates Land Act, 1908, for certain purposes (Bill No. 12 of 1931), as returned by His Excellency the Governor. I have read out the message already. The House will now proceed to deal with the amendments. Mr. K. R. Venkatarama Ayyar will move his motion."

* Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—"Before he moves his motion, may I rise to a point of order? The Standing Orders say that a Bill, when referred back to the Council by His Excellency the Governor, ought to be taken on the next available official day. Now, Sir, the official days and non-official days are specifically fixed by the Governor from time to time under the power vested in him. Budget days